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## MEETING NOTICE

### NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **August 26, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **7:00 p.m.**

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### MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

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## **AGENDA**

### **NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

Virtual Public Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology  
Gainesville, Florida

August 26, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology

July 22, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Anthony Adams, Lafayette County**  
Mary Alford, Alachua County  
David Arreola, City of Gainesville  
Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, City of Hawthorne  
Robert Brown, Hamilton County  
James Catron, City of Madison  
**Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County**  
Mark Clark, City of Newberry  
Louie Davis, City of Waldo  
**Thomas Demps, Taylor County**  
Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville  
**Fletcher Hope, City of Archer**  
Travis Land, Suwannee County  
John Meeks, Levy County  
**Janice Mortimer, City of Starke**  
Tim Murphy, Columbia County  
Daniel Riddick, Bradford County  
David Stegall, City of Lake Butler  
Jody Stephenson, Dixie County  
*Lorene Thomas, Dixie County*  
Donnie Waldrep, Madison County  
Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County  
Robert Wilford, City of Alachua  
Stephen Witt, City of Lake City

MEMBERS ABSENT

LaBarfield Bryant, City of Jasper  
Frank Davis, City of Live Oak  
Mike Deming, City of Perry  
Linda Jones, City of High Springs  
Reina Saco, City of Gainesville  
James Tallman, Union County  
Kenrick Thomas, Gilchrist County

OTHERS PRESENT

Greg Britton  
Diana Davis  
Stew Lilker

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons  
Tara Tucker  
Lauren Yeatter

**Executive Committee Members names are bold**  
*Gubernatorial Members names are italicized*

NON-VOTING DELEGATE PRESENT

Kristyn Adkins, City of High Springs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Tom Mirti, Suwannee River Water  
Management District  
David Tyler, Florida Department  
of Transportation

COUNCIL ATTORNEY PRESENT

Jonathan Wershow

I. INVOCATION

Noting a quorum of the Council being present, Chair Thomas Demps called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and guests pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Demps welcomed Diana Davis, Executive Director, Alachua County League of Cities and wife of Council Member Louie Davis, and Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes - June 24, 2021
- B. Monthly Financial Report - June 2021

Chair Demps asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda.

**ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Ms. Thomas to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

**ACTION: Commissioner Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson to approve the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. GUEST SPEAKERS - Greg Britton, Chief Executive Officer  
Florida Small Business Development Center Network

Scott Koons, Executive Director, introduced Greg Britton, Chief Executive Officer of Florida Small Business Development Center Network. Mr. Britton gave a presentation to the Council concerning the value that small businesses contribute to state, regional and local economies. Chair Demps thanked Mr. Britton for his presentation.

VII. CHAIR REPORT -

- A. New Member - Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville

Chair Demps welcomed new Council member City Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker, City of Gainesville.

B. Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation - Sandra Collins

**ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve a Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation for former Transportation Disadvantaged Program member Sandra Collins, voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia County, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County, Suwannee County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Boards. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Florida Association of Counties - Presidential Advocate Award

Chair Demps stated, that at the Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting held in Orlando on July 2, 2021, Florida Association of Counties President Melissa McKinally awarded Presidential Advocate Awards to Lafayette County Commissioner Anthony Adams, Alachua County Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV and Levy County Commissioner John Meeks. Chair Demps congratulated these county commissioners on their accomplishments.

D. Florida Association of Counties - Board of Directors Election

Chair Demps stated that at the Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting held in Orlando on July 2, 2021, Levy County Commissioner John Meeks was re-elected to the Board of Directors. Chair Demps congratulated Commissioner Meeks on his re-election.

E. Florida Small County Coalition - Officers and Board of Directors Election

Chair Demps stated that at the Florida Small County Coalition Meeting held in Orlando on June 30, 2021, Levy County Commissioner John Meeks became Immediate Past Chair of the Florida Small County Coalition. He also stated Lafayette County Commissioner Anthony Adams will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Florida Small County Coalition. Chair Demps congratulated Commissioner Meeks and Commissioner Adams on their accomplishments.

F. Employee Certificates of Service

1. Tara Tucker - 5 Years

Scott Koons, Executive Director, reported that Tara Tucker joined the Council staff on June 20, 2016. He noted that Ms. Tucker currently serves as Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Mr. Koons virtually presented a 5-year Certificate of Service and a 5-year service pin to Ms. Tucker. He thanked her for her dedicated service to the Council.

2. Lauren Yeatter - 5 Years

Mr. Koons reported that Lauren Yeatter also joined the Council staff on June 20, 2016. He noted that Ms. Yeatter currently serves as Senior Planner for Geographic Information Systems, Economic Development, Regional Planning and Community Development. Mr. Koons virtually presented a 5-year Certificate of Service and a 5-year service pin to Ms. Yeatter. He thanked her for her dedicated service to the Council.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

2. Employee Health Insurance Proposal

Mr. Koons stated that UnitedHealthcare has offered to continue health insurance coverage for the Council with a decrease in premiums for the coming year beginning September 1, 2021. The total change in the cost to the Council for the coming year would be (\$768) per annum or a (0.8) percent decrease. The resulting total monthly cost to the Council would be \$7,641.

He also stated that UnitedHealthcare is proposing no change in life insurance premiums for the coming year. Mr. Koons further noted that UnitedHealthcare is proposing a decrease of (2.9) percent in the cost for dental insurance to employees for the coming year.

He stated that staff secured alternative proposals for health insurance from UnitedHealthcare for consideration by the Council. Mr. Koons stated that the alternative proposals include changes to benefits for employees. He noted that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council approve the renewal proposal from UnitedHealthcare for Plan CE-KQ/RX849 for health insurance; and dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2021.

**ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Clark, to approve the renewal proposal received from UnitedHealthcare for Plan CE-KQ/RX849 for health insurance; for dental insurance and life insurance for the year beginning September 1, 2021 as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Clearinghouse Committee - Committee Level Comprehensive Plan Review Items

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met virtually via communications media technology earlier in the evening and reviewed the following local government comprehensive plan amendments which were included on the Council agenda for consideration.

#50 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

#51 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson stated with regards to these items, the Committee found that the local government comprehensive plans, as amended, were not anticipated to result in significant adverse impacts to regional facilities, Natural Resources of Regional Significance or adjacent local governments. She stated that the Committee recommends forwarding these findings to the respective local governments and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**ACTION: Commissioner Bouie Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut to approve the Clearinghouse Committee recommendations concerning Item #50 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR); and Item #51 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR). The motion carried unanimously.**



IX. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, discussed the flooding impacts from Tropical Storm Elsa.

David Tyler, Planning and Environmental Office, Florida Department of Transportation District 2, stated his appreciation to the Council for adopting the Resolution of Appreciation for Sandra Collins for her service on transportation disadvantaged local coordinating boards. He stated that Daniel Penniman, formerly with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, has accepted a position with the Florida Department of Transportation District 2.

X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed Council job opportunities.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. He stated that the Association strengthens Florida's regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives. Mr. Koons also stated that the Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying out the activities listed in the June 2021 activity report included in the Council meeting packet. He reviewed the activities listed in the June 2021 report.

B. Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

Mr. Koons reported that the Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. He stated that the Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan. Mr. Koons noted that the Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars: Talent and Supply Education, Innovation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Growth Leadership, Business Climate and Competitiveness, Civic and Governance Systems, and Quality of Life and Quality Places. He reviewed the July 2021 Scorecard™ that was included in the Council meeting packet.

C. Enterprise Florida Site Preparation Grant Award Program

Mr. Koons stated that the Governor recently announced the award of \$198,500 to nine rural counties and cities for site preparation projects. He stated the awards are part of the Enterprise Florida's Rural Expansion Toolkit initiative to assist rural communities with broad-based economic engagement and capacity building efforts. He stated the grant recipients were those communities that were able to demonstrate a pathway to site readiness.

Mr. Koons stated the following communities and organizations in the north central Florida region recently received funding from the Site Preparation Grant Program, Dixie County Board of County Commissioners, \$25,000; Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, \$19,000; Lafayette County Development Authority, 19,000; Madison County Board of County

Commissioners, \$16,500; Taylor County Development Authority, \$19,000; and Union County Board of County Commissioners \$25,000.

I. 2020-21 Member James H. Montgomery Certificates of Outstanding Attendance

Mr. Koons stated an essential component of the ability of the Council to conduct its business is the regular attendance of members at Council meetings. He stated a Council Member Attendance Recognition Program was established by the Council at the May 22, 2008 Council meeting to recognize the commitment of those Council members actively engaged in the organization by regularly attending Council meetings.

He stated the Council named the Member Attendance Recognition Program the James H. Montgomery Certificate of Outstanding Attendance in honor of Mr. Montgomery at the February 26, 2020 Council meeting. He stated James H. Montgomery served on the Council from 1976 to 2004 as a member representing the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida. He stated that from 2010 to 2019, he also served on the Council as a gubernatorial appointee. Mr. Koons stated he provided 38 years of distinguished leadership and service to the Council.

Mr. Koons virtually presented James H. Montgomery Certificates of Outstanding Attendance Award in recognition of their attendance at every scheduled Council meeting during Program Year 2020-21 to Commissioner Anthony Adams, Lafayette County; Commissioner Robert Brown, Hamilton County; Commissioner Charles Chestnut IV, Alachua County; Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo; Commissioner Fletcher Hope, City of Archer; Vice-Mayor Janice Mortimer, City of Starke; and Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua.

J. Executive Director's Cup

Mr. Koons stated that in furtherance of the Council Member Attendance Recognition Program and to encourage attendance at Council meetings, an Executive Director's Cup is awarded each year to recognize the most members with 100 percent attendance by either county, city or gubernatorial members during a program year.

Mr. Koons presented the 2020-21 Executive Director's Cup to City members Mayor Louie Davis, City of Waldo; Commissioner Fletcher Hope, City of Archer; Vice-Mayor Janice Mortimer, City of Starke; and Commissioner Robert Wilford, City of Alachua. He also stated that the Executive Director's Cup is prominently displayed at the Council office.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Wilford thanked the Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board for holding its July 13, 2021 meeting in the City of Alachua. He also thanked District staff for assessing flooding issues in the Turkey Creek Subdivision in the City of Alachua resulting from Tropical Storm Elsa.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Demps stated that the next Council meeting is scheduled to be held on August 26, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Thomas Demps, Chair

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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report - July 2021

Please find attached a copy of the Monthly Financial Report for the Council’s activities for July 2021. The following paragraphs discuss revenues and expenditures to the budget for the month and year to date.

**Revenue**

The total revenue for the Council for year to date is within budgeted figures. Revenue at the end of ten months is 67 percent of budget.

**Expenditures**

The total expenditures for the Council for year to date are within budgeted figures. Total expenditures at the end of ten months is 54 percent of budget.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, staff is pleased with the financial condition of the Council. The adjusted general fund balance should remain at an acceptable level at the end of the fiscal year.

Overall, as is regularly reported, the financial condition of the Council is sound. Staff is not aware of anything in the current fiscal year that will change this situation.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**July 31, 2021**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Checking / Savings	1,955,819
Accounts Receivable	708,766
Other Current Assets	<u>23,196</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,687,781</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>2,687,781</u>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	15,733
Other Current Liabilities	<u>597,432</u>
Total Liabilities	613,165
Equity	<u>2,074,616</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>2,687,781</u>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**July 31, 2021**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2020-21</b>	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	2,102,500	81	1,416,796	67%
<b>Expenses</b>	2,102,500	80,546	1,136,467	54%

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**July 31, 2021**

**REVENUE**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2020-21</b>	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Program Development	48,200	81	31,057	64%
Regional Planning				
Regional Planning & Review	70,000	0	69,977	100%
Public Safety & Regulatory Compliance				
Hazardous Waste Monitoring	58,900	0	105,275	179%
Local Emergency Planning Committee	132,900	0	61,000	46%
Hazards Analyses	17,600	0	0	0%
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study	0	0	102,013	
Transportation				
Gainesville Urbanized Area Transportation Planning	464,600	0	251,864	54%
Gainesville Urbanized Area Mass Transit	228,600	0	45,283	20%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Alachua County	24,900	0	15,832	64%
Transportation Disadvantaged - Region	199,600	0	141,716	71%
Economic Development				
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance	115,000	0	97,509	85%
Economic Strategy & Technical Assistance - Recovery	200,000	0	30,000	15%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force Staffing	40,200	0	18,250	45%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	0	162,746	100%
Vision North Central Florida	0	0	2,500	
Local Government Assistance				
General Technical Services	20,000	0	20,040	100%
City & County Planning Services	244,200	0	198,725	81%
Community Development Block Grant Administration	75,000	0	63,009	84%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,102,500</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1,416,796</b>	<b>67%</b>

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Summary Financial Statement (Unaudited)**  
**July 31, 2021**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2020-21</b>	<b>July 2021</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Percent of Budget</b>
Audit	17,000	0	16,675	98%
Building Occupancy & Grounds	40,000	3,336	27,447	69%
Contractual Services	105,000	2,306	36,112	34%
Dues, Publications, Subscriptions & Training	50,000	7,180	40,504	81%
Furniture & Equipment	15,000	0	2,425	16%
Insurance & Bonding	19,000	0	16,549	87%
Legal Services & Public Notices	11,000	636	9,651	88%
Machine Rental & Maintenance	5,000	0	3,709	74%
Meeting Expenses	20,000	0	0	0%
Moving Expense	2,000	0	0	0%
Office Supplies	26,000	4,388	19,251	74%
Personnel	1,402,400	59,864	811,474	58%
Postage	5,000	285	6,234	125%
Printing	2,000	0	1,875	94%
Recruiting	2,000	0	0	0%
Reproduction	20,000	1,027	13,871	69%
Telephone	6,000	209	5,070	85%
Travel	80,000	902	8,869	11%
Original Florida Tourism Task Force	162,800	413	116,751	72%
Contingency	112,300	0	0	0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,102,500</b>	<b>80,546</b>	<b>1,136,467</b>	<b>54%</b>






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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for  
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Fiscal Year 2021-22

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for an estimated amount of \$52,978.95 in training funds, plus any unexpended rollover training funds from Fiscal Year 2020-21, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, for Fiscal Year 2021-22.**

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management passes through funds from the United States Department of Transportation for hazardous materials training. The Council, on behalf of the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee, offers free hazardous materials response training to local government employees. This training includes basic awareness level through more advanced technician level training.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreements -  
Fiscal Year 2021-22

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations for Fiscal Year 2021-22.**

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Council enters into technical assistance services agreements to assist local governments with implementing their comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services are, as follows.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.
- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinance, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.
- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

The names of the counties and cities and the fixed fee amount of each associated agreement are as listed on the attached list.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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FISCAL YEAR 2022

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ASSISTANCE SERVICES  
AGREEMENTS

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council proposes to enter into technical assistance services agreements on a fixed fee basis to assist counties and cities with implementing comprehensive plans and land development regulations. The scope of services and amount of each agreement are as listed below.

- I. General Technical Assistance - conducting research, answering questions and assisting with comprehensive plan and land development regulations interpretations.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
N/A	N/A

- II. Amendment Assistance - all Level I services, plus preparing public notices, draft ordinances, data and analysis and concurrency review for comprehensive plan text and map and land development regulations text and zoning map amendments.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Bradford County	\$ 23,500
2. Dixie County	\$ 13,000
3. Lafayette County	\$ 13,000
4. Levy County	\$ 13,000
5. Taylor County	\$ 12,500
6. Union County	\$ 3,500
7. Archer	\$ 7,000
8. Chiefland	\$ 7,000
9. Fanning Springs	\$ 5,250
10. Inglis	\$ 7,000
11. Jasper	\$ 7,000
12. Lake Butler	\$ 7,000
13. Lake City	\$ 23,500
14. Madison, City	\$ 17,000
15. Mayo	\$ 7,000
16. Micanopy	\$ 7,000
17. Perry	\$ 9,000
18. Starke	\$ 10,000

- III. Development Review Assistance - all Level I and II services, plus reviewing site and development plans, subdivision plats and other development proposals for comprehensive plan and land development regulations compliance.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Columbia County	\$ 35,000
2. High Springs	\$ 10,000





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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Monitoring Verification and Notification Services Agreements -  
Fiscal Year 2021-22

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to execute agreements with Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties for hazardous waste monitoring for Fiscal Year 2021-22.**

BACKGROUND:

Florida Statutes require each county to annually monitor the waste management practices of 20 percent of the government organizations and businesses that may potentially generate small quantities of hazardous waste. The majority of these operations involve motor vehicle maintenance. On-site visits are required to collect information that is entered into an on-line database.

During these site visits, Council staff will provide recommendations on correcting problems with management techniques. A one-page summary of how to avoid the most common mistakes will also be provided to the facility operators.

These services will be provided on a fixed fee basis to the counties in the amounts as listed below.

Bradford	\$7,882	Lafayette	\$ 1,409
Columbia	\$9,731	Levy	\$16,500
Dixie	\$2,717	Madison	\$ 4,880
Gilchrist	\$2,697	Suwannee	\$ 7,421
Hamilton	\$2,899	Union	\$ 2,778

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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2019  
Administrative Services Agreement - City of Madison

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with the City of Madison to provide Community Development Block Grant administrative technical assistance services for their Neighborhood Revitalization Project for a fixed fee amount of \$55,000.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council proposes to enter into a technical assistance agreement with the City of Madison to provide assistance with the administration of their Fiscal Year 2019 Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Project. This agreement will be funded with Community Development Block Grant Program funds. The amount of the administrative technical assistance services agreement with the City will be a fixed fee amount of \$55,000.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Elizabeth Frieman Blakely the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Pamela Hagley the alternate Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;**
- **Appoint Reeda Harris the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;**
- **Appoint Phyllis Marty the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Anna Mendoza the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Appoint Christina Nalsen the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that Elizabeth Frieman Blakely be appointed the voting Florida Department of Elder Affairs Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Pamela Hagley be appointed the alternate Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

It is recommended that Reeda Harris be appointed the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended that Phyllis Marty be appointed the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Anna Mendoza be appointed the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended that Christina Nalsen be appointed the voting Florida Department of Transportation Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie County, Gilchrist County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director *SRK*  
SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Resolution of Appreciation

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolution of appreciation for Deweece Ogden.**

BACKGROUND:

The attached resolution of appreciation is regarding Florida's Transportation Disadvantaged Program established by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes. Deweece Ogden served as the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

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## RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS, Deweece Ogden has served as the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards since August 2015;*

*WHEREAS, Deweece Ogden ably discharged the duties of the voting Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Representative on the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members and staff of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council do hereby express their appreciation to Deweece Ogden for dedicated service rendered to the Bradford County, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Gilchrist County, Levy County and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards and concern for the transportation disadvantaged needs of Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Suwannee and Union Counties and the State of Florida; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this expression of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council for all citizens of the community to view and recognize the accomplishments and service of Deweece Ogden.*

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*Thomas Demps, Chair*

**ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**

August 26, 2021

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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Thomas Demps, Chair

SUBJECT: Mike Joyner, Levy County Commissioner in Memoria

On August 4, 2021, Levy County Commissioner Mike Joyner died due to complications from the COVID-19 coronavirus. He served as a County Commissioner from his appointment by the Governor in 2010 until his death. Following his appointment, Commissioner Joyner was elected three times to four-year terms on the Board of County Commissioners. He also served as representative of Levy County on the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Board for several years.

Previously, Commissioner Joyner spent 32 years as a law enforcement officer where he was involved in a variety of cases, including several undercover operations. In 2017, the Florida Intelligence Unit, a statewide training organization for law enforcement officers, established the Mike Joyner Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to honor officers that go above and beyond the call of duty.

As directed by the Governor, the flags of the United States and the State of Florida were flown at half-staff at the Levy County Courthouse in Bronson, Florida, the City Hall of Williston, Florida, and at the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida from sunrise to sunset on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 in honor of Commissioner Joyner. He will be remembered for his willingness to protect and advocate for his community.

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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Assigned Fund Balance - Capital Reserve

RECOMMENDATION:

**Encumber \$3,000 of the Council’s unassigned fund balance as part of the assigned fund balance to increase the Capital Reserve Fund balance for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs to \$573,000.**

BACKGROUND:

During Fiscal Year 2019-20, \$2,735 depreciation of furniture, fixtures and equipment was applied to the capital assets of the Council resulting in a total of \$572,495 accumulated depreciation of fixed assets.

The Capital Reserve Fund is maintained at an amount approximate to the accumulated depreciation of building and equipment to cover one-time capital expenditures for building improvements/repairs and equipment replacement/upgrades. In order to maintain the Capital Reserve Fund at this level, it is recommended that \$3,000 from the Council’s unassigned fund balance be encumbered as part of the Capital Reserve Fund assigned fund balance to increase the amount for accumulated depreciation of building and equipment costs from \$570,000 to \$573,000.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Patricia Bouie Hutchinson, Chair  
Clearinghouse Committee

RE: Chair's Report

**I. COMMITTEE-LEVEL REVIEW ITEMS**

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Clearinghouse Committee is 6:00 p.m., August 26, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will be a virtual meeting conducted via communications media technology. At its meeting, the Committee will review the following Committee-level items which require Council action. I will present an oral report on the Committee's actions and recommendations at the Council meeting held later that evening.

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- #54 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR)
- #55 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-4ESR)
- #56 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-5ESR)
- #57 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)
- #58 - City of Newberry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-6ESR)
- #59 - Town of Horseshoe Beach Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)
- #60 - City of Perry Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-1ER)
- #61 - City of Alachua Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-3ESR)
- #62 - Levy County Comprehensive Plan Draft Amendment (DEO No. 21-2ESR)

***Please be advised that the Clearinghouse Committee meeting packet is posted on the Council website at <http://ncfrpc.org> (click on Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Packets, then click on Clearinghouse Committee Full Packet).***

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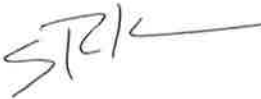


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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Monthly Activity Report

The Florida Regional Councils Association is the statewide organization of the ten regional planning councils. The Association strengthens Florida’s regional planning councils, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity and improves the consistency and quality of regional planning councils programs to ensure they add value to state, regional and local initiatives.

The Association strives to accomplish these goals by carrying-out the following objectives.

- Ensure regional planning councils are effective service organizations to the State of Florida, its local governments, and the citizens they serve;
- Ensure regional planning councils are consensus builders and problem solvers, and serve as conveners of the region by helping to articulate those multijurisdictional issues that need resolution;
- Encourage and promote opportunities for regional planning councils to become partners in state programs and initiatives, while promoting the unique themes of each region within the state and legislative environments;
- Monitor substantive state and federal legislative issues for the benefit of its members, and promote mutually supportive policy positions among the regional planning councils;
- Represent regional planning councils in national organizations, such as the National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Development Organizations, and SouthEast Regional Directors Institute; and
- Foster relationships and partnerships and coordinate with state, regional, and national associations and organizations; non-profit entities; public-private partnerships; the Governor’s Office; state agencies; and others, on issues of mutual interest and concern, and with whom the Association shares mutual goals and programs.

Please find attached the July 2021 Monthly Activity Report highlighting the activities of the Association.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: July 2021

### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Organized articles and distributed the June/July 2021 Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Newsletter, *FRCA Forward*. Continued to update the FRCA Facebook page.
- Maintained and updated the FRCA website: [www.flregionalcouncils.org](http://www.flregionalcouncils.org).
- Updated the email lists and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,400 individuals who receive the *FRCA Forward* newsletter.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and conferences and shared information:
  - Economic Development Planners Coordination Call
  - Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference
  - Resilient Florida Grant Program Webinar
  - Safe Mobility for Life Summer Coalition Meeting
  - Small County Coalition Virtual Meeting

### ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Organized and hosted two Executive Directors Advisory Council (EDAC) meetings including coordination with state and federal partners at the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Economic Development Administration.
- Assisted to organize the Summer 2021 Policy Board meeting in coordination with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
- Coordinated FRCA participation with the following upcoming annual conferences:
  - Florida League of Cities, August 31 – September 3, 2021
  - American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, September 10 – 13, 2021
- Updated and maintained a calendar of meetings and conferences for 2021.
- Distributed grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.





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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board Meeting Report

Immediate Past Chair Charles Chestnut, Gubernatorial Appointee Lorene Thomas, Commissioner Robert Wilford and I attended the semi-annual meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association Policy Board virtually via communications media technology on July 27, 2021.

The Policy Board heard presentations from Philip Paradise, Atlanta Regional Director, U. S. Economic Development Administration and Greg Vaday, Florida Economic Development Representative, U. S. Economic Development Administration; and Whitney Gray, Administrator Florida Resilient Coastlines Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Policy Board accepted Assembled Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and received a financial report.

The Policy Board also adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, received a legislative report, reviewed the 2022 Legislative Agenda and elected officers for the 2021-22 Policy Board Executive Committee. Commissioner Robert Wilford was elected 1st Vice-President of the Association.

Congratulations to Commissioner Wilford.

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The Association distributes an electronic newsletter each month to approximately 2,600 elected officials, state agencies, partner organizations and interested individuals statewide. Please find attached an excerpted article from the Summer 2021 monthly Forward Newsletter featuring the community development activities of the Council provided to local governments.

The Council recently completed providing assistance to Bradford County and initiated assistance to the Town of Mayo with housing rehabilitation projects. The projects consisted of the rehabilitation or demolition/replacement of substandard low- and moderate-income owner-occupied dwelling units.

The projects were funded by Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grants. Housing deficiencies were addressed by the project resulting in safe, suitable and sanitary housing for the residents.

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# FORWARD

*A monthly update from Florida's Regional Planning Councils*



## **North Central Florida RPC Administers Housing Rehabilitation Projects**

The North Central Florida RPC recently completed assistance to Bradford County and initiated assistance to the Town of Mayo with housing rehabilitation projects. The projects consisted of the rehabilitation or demolition and replacement of substandard low- and moderate-income owner-occupied dwelling units. Both



projects are funded by Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grants. Housing deficiencies were addressed by the project resulting in safe, suitable and sanitary housing for the residents.

The Council assisted the County and Town identify needs, define the scope of the improvements to address the identified problems, prepare Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant applications and provide grant administration services to implement the multi-year projects. Grant administration services provided by the Council included completion of environmental review and clearance, solicitation of applications, determination of eligibility, inspection of dwelling units, preparation of work write-ups to address deficiencies, procurement of contractors, and provision of project monitoring to ensure compliance with federal and state rules and regulations. In particular, grant funds fiscal management and fair housing activities were managed by the Council.







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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Florida Chamber Foundation Scorecard™

The Florida Chamber Foundation has developed the Florida Scorecard™ to provide Florida leaders the metrics needed to secure Florida's future. The Florida Chamber Foundation's objective to developing a 20-year, statewide strategic plan requires a commitment to measuring our current status and progress toward the stated goals of the Six Pillars 20-year Strategic Plan.

The Scorecard reports metrics for each of the following Six Pillars.

- Talent and Supply Education;
- Innovation and Economic Development;
- Infrastructure and Growth Leadership;
- Business Climate and Competitiveness;
- Civic and Governance Systems; and
- Quality of Life and Quality Places.

Please find attached the August 2021 Scorecard.

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## State of Florida Metrics

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FLORIDA POPULATION 08/16/2021

**21,907,539**

Florida FutureCast

<p> <b>JOB CHANGE</b></p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p><b>358,300</b></p> <p>Net New Jobs Needed by 2030</p> <p><b>2 M</b></p>	<p> <b>CHILDREN IN POVERTY</b></p> <p><b>20.1%</b> (Decreasing)</p> <p><b>&lt;10%</b> 2030 Goal</p> <p><b>829,342</b> (Decreasing)</p>	<p> <b>3RD GRADE READING SCORES</b></p> <p><b>54%</b> (Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p><b>100%</b> 2030 Goal</p> <p>Florida Gap Map</p>	<p> <b>OPEN JOBS</b></p> <p><b>545,200</b> (Increasing)</p> <p><b>523,000</b> Unemployed Persons (Increasing)</p>
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<p> <b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</b></p> <p><b>5.0%</b> (Increasing)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p><b>358,300</b></p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> <b>3RD GRADE READING SCORES</b></p> <p><b>54%</b> (Declining)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p><b>100%</b> 2030 Goal</p>	<p> <b>STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS</b></p> <p><b>\$98.8</b> Billion Visitor Spending</p> <p><b>86.7</b> Million Visitors</p>	<p> <b>STATE HOUSING STARTS &amp; SALES</b></p> <p><b>12,702</b> Starts (Declining)</p> <p><b>30,985</b> Sales (Declining)</p>
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<p> <b>INCOME MIGRATION</b></p> <p><b>\$1.19M</b> Per Hour</p>	<p> <b>POVERTY RATE</b></p> <p><b>14.0%</b> (Better)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p> <b>CONSUMER SENTIMENT</b></p> <p><b>84.1</b> (Improving)</p>	<p> <b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE</b></p> <p><b>90.0%</b> (Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>
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<p> <b>SALES TAX REVENUE</b></p> <p><b>\$3.292</b> Billion per Month (Declining)</p>	<p> <b>VOTER PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p><b>77%</b> (Improving)</p>	<p> <b>RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION</b></p> <p><b>47%/44%</b></p>	<p> <b>LAND IN CONSERVATION</b></p> <p><b>28%</b></p>
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## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

State of Florida FutureCast

### Talent Supply & Education

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State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)  
Innovation & Economic Development

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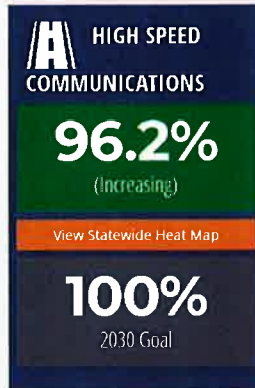
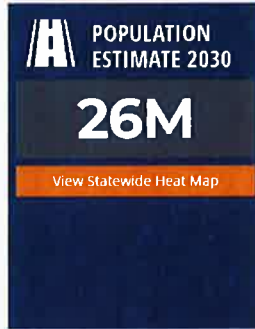
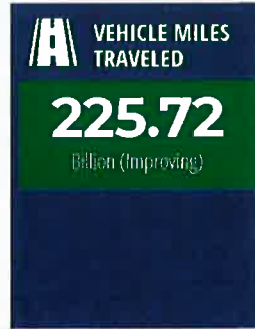


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### Infrastructure & Growth Leadership

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## State of Florida Metrics (What is this?)

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### Civic & Governance Systems

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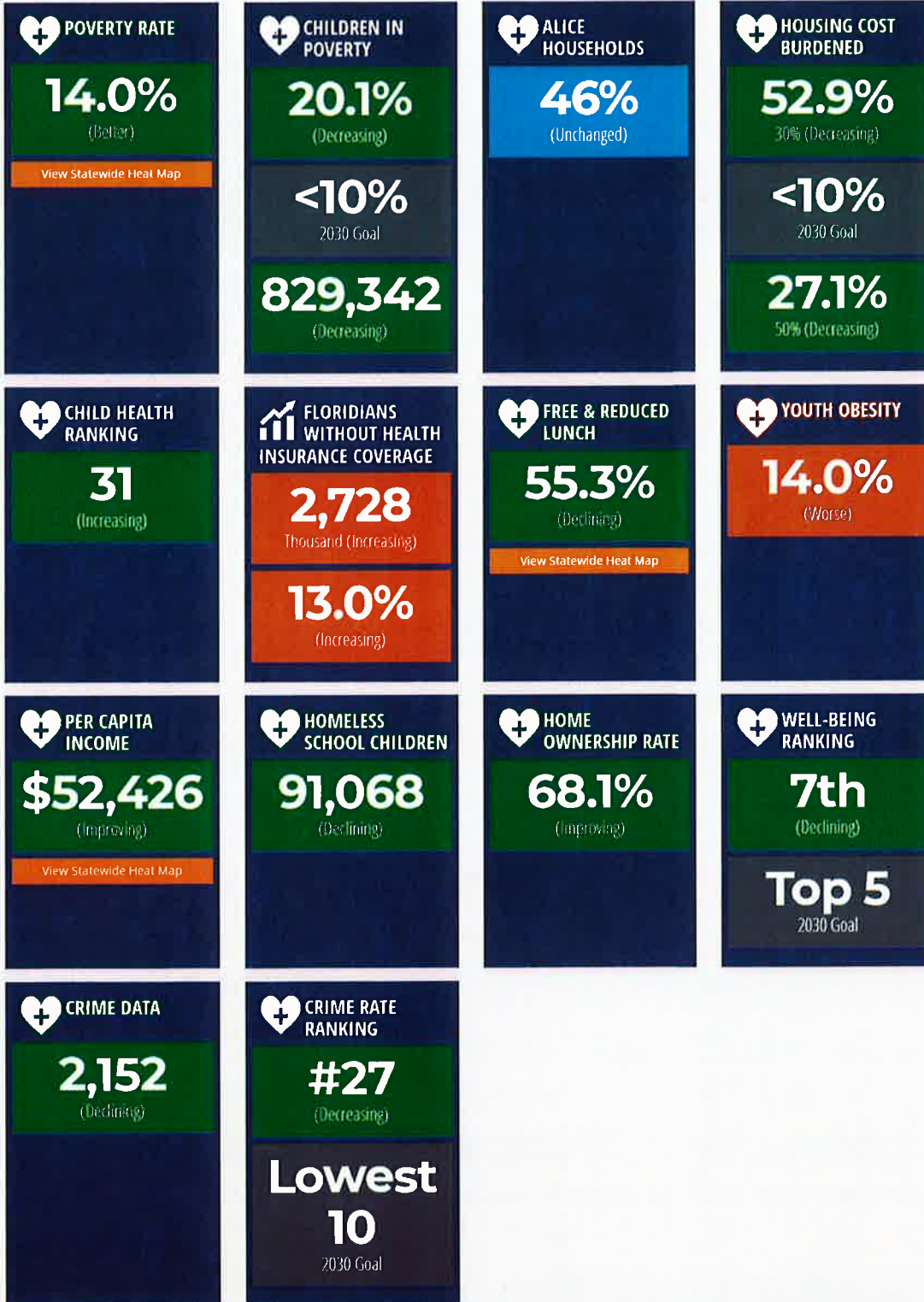
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### Quality of Life and Quality Places

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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

The 2022 Legislature Session will convene on January 11, 2022 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 11, 2022. The legislative interim Committee schedule is, as follows:

- Week of September 20, 2021
- Week of October 11, 2021
- Week of October 18, 2021
- Week of November 1, 2021
- Week of November 15, 2021
- Week of November 29, 2021

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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members  
 FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
 SUBJECT: 2020 Census

On August 12, 2021, the Census Bureau released the Decennial Census count for April 1, 2020 for states and localities. Data from the Census provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support programs impacting the amount of funding that will be provided by the state and federal government for a number of programs, including housing, education, transportation, employment and healthcare.

The following is a list of the population count for north central Florida counties, the region, the State of Florida and the United States for 2010 and 2020, population change, and percent change.

<u>Area</u>	<u>April 1, 2010 Population</u>	<u>April 1, 2020 Population</u>	<u>Population Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alachua County	247,336	278,468	31,132	12.6%
Bradford County	28,520	28,303	(217)	(0.8%)
Columbia County	67,531	69,698	2,167	3.2%
Dixie County	16,422	16,759	337	2.1%
Gilchrist County	16,939	17,864	925	5.5%
Hamilton County	14,799	14,004	(795)	(5.4%)
Lafayette County	8,870	8,226	(644)	(7.3%)
Levy County	40,801	42,915	2,114	5.2%
Madison County	19,224	17,968	(1,256)	(6.5%)
Suwannee County	41,551	43,474	1,923	4.6%
Taylor County	22,570	21,796	(774)	(3.4%)
Union County	15,535	16,147	612	3.9%
<b>North Central Florida Region</b>	<b>540,098</b>	<b>575,622</b>	<b>35,524</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
Florida	18,801,310	21,538,187	2,736,877	14.6%
United States	308,745,538	331,449,281	22,703,743	7.4%

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: U.S. Economic Development Administration - American Rescue Plan Act

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo recently announced that the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration will implement a series of programs, collectively called Investing in America’s Communities, to equitably invest the \$3 billion it received from the American Rescue Plan Act to help communities across the country build back better. The Economic Development Administration investment is the largest economic development initiative from the Department of Commerce in decades.

“With an emphasis on equity, the Economic Development Administration’s investments made possible by the American Rescue Plan will directly benefit communities that have been denied full access to economic prosperity and who have been disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic,” according to Secretary Raimondo. “We will work with local communities across the country on innovative new approaches to ensure that we can increase American competitiveness by strengthening our workforce, businesses, and communities and build back better in regions across the country.”

Investing in America’s Communities includes six Notices of Funding Opportunity (See attached fact sheets).

- **Build Back Better Regional Challenge (\$1 billion)**
- **Good Jobs Challenge (\$500 million)**
- **Economic Adjustment Assistance Challenge (\$500 million)**
- **Indigenous Communities Challenge (\$100 million)**
- **Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Grants (\$750 million)**
- **Statewide Planning, Research, and Networks Grants (\$90 million)**

Local governments in the north central Florida region are eligible to apply for these funds as a result of the regional economic development planning efforts led by the Council. Projects completed with these funds will further strategies in the North Central Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to strengthen the economy of the north central Florida region.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Attachments**

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# EDA: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## BUILD BACK BETTER REGIONAL CHALLENGE *Supercharging Local Economies*



The **Build Back Better Regional Challenge** is designed to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks.

The \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge will provide a transformational investment to 20-30 regions across the country that want to revitalize their economies. These regions will have the opportunity

to grow new regional industry clusters or scale existing ones through planning, infrastructure, innovation and entrepreneurship, workforce development, access to capital, and more.

- **Phase 1:** 50-60 regional coalitions of partnering entities will be awarded ~\$500,000 in technical assistance funds to develop and support three to eight projects to grow a regional growth cluster.
- **Phase 2:** EDA will award 20-30 regional coalitions \$25 million to \$75 million, and up to \$100 million, to implement those projects.

As part of the \$300 million **Coal Communities Commitment**, EDA will allocate at least \$100 million of the Build Back Better Regional Challenge funding to support coal communities.



### WHO SHOULD APPLY

EDA invites eligible applicants to form regional coalitions to apply for funding to implement a collection of three to eight distinct but related projects in their region, in coordination with industry and community partners, and aligned around a holistic vision to build and scale a strategic industry cluster. Applicants should identify one key coordinating lead institution per regional cluster to lead the concept and projects into the implementation phase, while fostering collaboration and coordinating resources to ensure these investments have the greatest economic impact on our communities, regions, and the nation.

Coalition members eligible to apply for investment assistance for their region include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

*Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.*



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Phase 1 deadline: **October 19, 2021**
- Phase 2 deadline: **March 15, 2022**



### CONTACTS

- Please send email inquiries about the American Rescue Plan Build Back Better Regional Challenge to [BuildBackBetter@eda.gov](mailto:BuildBackBetter@eda.gov).
- For additional questions, particularly region-specific questions, contact your state's Economic Development Representative. Visit [www.eda.gov/contact](http://www.eda.gov/contact) to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative.



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Build Back Better Regional Challenge**, visit [eda.gov/arpa/build-back-better/](http://eda.gov/arpa/build-back-better/).



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## GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE *Getting Americans Back to Work*



EDA's American Rescue Plan **Good Jobs Challenge** aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs.

Through the Good Jobs Challenge, EDA is allocating \$500 million to collaborative skills training systems and programs. EDA encourages efforts to reach historically underserved populations and areas,

communities of color, women, and other groups facing labor market barriers such as persons with disabilities, disconnected youth, individuals in recovery, individuals with past criminal records, including justice impacted and reentry participants, serving trainees participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC), and veterans and military spouses.

These systems and partnerships will create and implement industry-led training programs, designed to provide skills for and connect unemployed or underemployed workers to existing and emerging job opportunities. Ultimately, these systems are designed to train workers with the skills to secure a union job or a quality job that provides good pay, benefits, and growth opportunities.

EDA will fund proposals within the following three phases, as applicable to regional needs:

- 1 System Development**  
Help establish and develop a regional workforce training system comprised of multiple sector partnerships
- 2 Program Design**  
Develop the skills training curriculum and materials, and secure technical expertise needed to train workers
- 3 Program Implementation**  
Implement non-construction projects needed to provide workforce training and connect workers with quality jobs, including wrap-around services



### WHO SHOULD APPLY

The Good Jobs Challenge is designed to support the needs of an applicant's identified regional workforce system through a single integrated award. EDA will make awards to either the System Lead Entity of a regional workforce system or the Backbone Organization of a sectoral partnership as the lead applicant. These organizations may make subawards to other eligible recipients as necessary to the proposed project and as approved by EDA.

Eligible applicants for EDA's Good Jobs Challenge include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
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*Individuals or for-profit entities, including for-profit institutions of higher education, are not eligible.*



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

→ Application deadline:  
**January 26, 2022**



### CONTACTS

- Please send email inquiries about the American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge to [GoodJobsChallenge@eda.gov](mailto:GoodJobsChallenge@eda.gov).
- For additional questions, please visit [www.eda.gov/contact](http://www.eda.gov/contact) to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative.



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Good Jobs Challenge**, visit [eda.gov/arpa/good-jobs-challenge/](http://eda.gov/arpa/good-jobs-challenge/).



## EDA: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

# ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

## *Providing the Building Blocks for Success*



EDA's American Rescue Plan **Economic Adjustment Assistance** program makes \$500 million in Economic Adjustment Assistance grants available to American communities.

The Economic Adjustment Assistance program is EDA's most flexible program, and grants made under this program will help hundreds of communities across the nation plan, build, innovate, and put people back to work through construction or non-construction projects designed to meet local needs.

A wide range of technical, planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and public works and infrastructure projects are eligible for funding under this program.

As part of the \$300 million **Coal Communities Commitment**, EDA will allocate at least \$200 million of the Economic Adjustment Assistance funding to support coal communities.



### WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligible applicants for EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance program include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
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*Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.*



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

→ Suggested application submission date:  
**March 15, 2022**

*Applications reviewed on a rolling basis*



### CONTACTS

- Please visit [www.eda.gov/contact](http://www.eda.gov/contact) to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative.



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Economic Adjustment Assistance**, visit [eda.gov/arpa/economic-adjustment-assistance/](http://eda.gov/arpa/economic-adjustment-assistance/).



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# INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

## *Supporting Economic Development in Indigenous Communities*



Through the **Indigenous Communities** program, EDA is allocating \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding specifically for Indigenous communities, which were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

This program is designed to support the needs of Tribal Governments and Indigenous communities. EDA will support these important partners to develop and execute economic development projects that they need to recover from the pandemic and build economies for the future.

A wide range of technical, planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and public works and infrastructure projects are eligible for funding under this program.

Indigenous communities are also eligible and encouraged to apply under all of EDA's other programs.



### WHO SHOULD APPLY

Eligible entities under this EDA program are:

- Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes, as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3
- A public or private non-profit organization or association serving Native Hawaiians
- A public or private non-profit organization or association serving Native Pacific Islanders of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau

*State-recognized Tribes, unrecognized Tribes, and non-profits that do not fall within the definitions above are not eligible.*



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

→ Suggested application submission date:  
**March 15, 2022**

*Applications reviewed on a rolling basis*



### CONTACTS

- Email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities program to [Indigenous@eda.gov](mailto:Indigenous@eda.gov)
- Please visit [www.eda.gov/contact](http://www.eda.gov/contact) to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Indigenous Communities** program, visit [eda.gov/arpa/indigenous/](http://eda.gov/arpa/indigenous/).





## EDA: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

# TRAVEL, TOURISM & OUTDOOR RECREATION

## *Promoting America's Tourist Communities*



Through the **Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation** program, EDA is focused on accelerating the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors. \$750 million of EDA's American Rescue Plan funds are allocated to support the following efforts:

- **State Tourism Grants: \$510 million** in non-competitive awards to help states quickly invest in marketing, infrastructure, workforce and other projects to rejuvenate safe leisure, business and international travel.
- **Competitive Grants: \$240 million** to help communities that have been hardest hit by challenges facing the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors to invest in infrastructure, workforce or other projects to support the recovery of the industry and economic resilience of the community in the future.



### WHO SHOULD APPLY

#### State Tourism Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Statewide Planning Grants include Governors, the Mayor of DC, and other applicable Territory leaders or their designees. EDA will send these applicants a formal invitation to apply.

#### Competitive Tourism Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Competitive Tourism Grants program include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
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*Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible.*



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

#### State Tourism Grants

→ Application due 60 days after receiving invitation

#### Competitive Tourism Grants

→ Suggested Application Submission Date:  
**March 15, 2022**

*Applications reviewed on a rolling basis*



### CONTACTS

- Email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation program to [TravelandTourism@eda.gov](mailto:TravelandTourism@eda.gov)
- Visit [www.eda.gov/contact](http://www.eda.gov/contact) to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation** program, visit [eda.gov/arpa/travel-tourism/](http://eda.gov/arpa/travel-tourism/).



# EDA: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

## STATEWIDE PLANNING, RESEARCH & NETWORKS *Planning for a Resilient Future*



Building back better means investing in projects that will promote equity and develop local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks and climate change.

Through the **Statewide Planning, Research & Networks** program, EDA is supporting states in planning efforts by allocating \$59 million for Statewide Planning Grants.

In addition, the program will allocate \$31 million for Research and Networks Grants to invest in research that assesses the effectiveness of EDA's programs, and provides support for stakeholder communities around key EDA initiatives.



### WHO SHOULD APPLY

#### State Planning Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Statewide Planning Grants include Governors, the Mayor of DC, and other applicable Territory leaders or their designees. EDA will send these applicants a formal invitation to apply.

#### Research and Networks Grants

Eligible applicants for EDA's Communities of Practice and Research Grants include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
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### APPLICATION DEADLINE

#### State Planning Grants

→ Application due 45 days after receiving invitation

#### Research and Networks Grants

→ Suggested Application Submission Date:  
**October 31, 2021**

*Applications reviewed on a rolling basis*



### CONTACTS

- For Statewide Planning inquiries, please visit [www.eda.gov/contact](http://www.eda.gov/contact) to find contact information for your Economic Development Representative
- Please email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Research program to [research@eda.gov](mailto:research@eda.gov)
- Please email your questions about the American Rescue Plan Networks program to [networks@eda.gov](mailto:networks@eda.gov)



To learn more about EDA's American Rescue Plan **Statewide Planning, Research and Networks** program, visit [eda.gov/arpa/planning-grants/](http://eda.gov/arpa/planning-grants/).





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August 19, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: 2021 Regional Directory



Pursuant to Council authorization, staff prepared a regional directory of local governments in the region and state and federal agencies. The 2021 Regional Directory was recently mailed to local, regional, state and federal officials, and planning and related agencies. Council staff would like to thank everyone who assisted in compiling this information.

A downloadable version of the 2021 Regional Directory in pdf format is also available on the Council website at [www.ncfrpc.org](http://www.ncfrpc.org).

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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